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Coalition Partners Receive Afghan Border Police Training Facility

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Colonel William E. Bulen, Commander, Afghanistan Engineer District; Major Adam Foley, United Kingdom Works Group, 170th Infrastructure Group Engineers; and Labib Bardawil, Project Superintendent, Contrack International, Inc., prepare to cut the ribbon at the entrance of Forward Operating Base Kandahar.



Kandahar, Afghanistan – A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held here on April 24 that marked another step forward in the transition to the future of the Afghanistan National Police (ANP) program.

Forward Operating Base (FOB) Kandahar is designed for over one-hundred-fifty trainees at a time. The design and construction work was done by Contrack International, Inc, (CII). CII was awarded the contract in 2005 for this and other ANP facilities.

The trainee side of the FOB includes a dining facility, twenty-four billets, moral, welfare and recreation facility, two ablutions and an administration building. Four of the billets are designed as officer quarters.

On the trainer's side of the facility, there are six billets, an operations building, a processing center with detention cells, a control and communications facility, vehicle maintenance facility, a water purification facility with holding tanks and two generators as back up for prime power outages.

FOB Kandahar cost about \$6 million to build. The original contract, worth \$48 million, was for six police facilities in the eastern and southern portions of Afghanistan. As a result of changing requirements, the contract was modified to construct nine total

facilities, including FOB Kandahar, for the ANP program. Of the remaining facilities, four are for the border police, and four are police company compounds. Four police company compounds were part of an option for modification that this contract allowed.

The ceremony marks the completion and release of another police facility to the Afghan National Security Forces Program. The ANP programs include police at all levels, counter narcotics and border police.



A CII employee puts the finishing touches on a door to one of the twenty training billets.

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